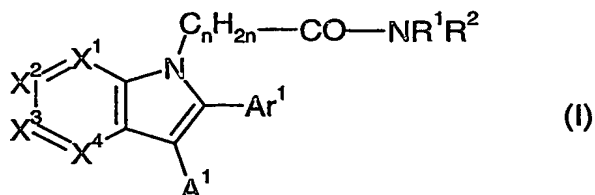


CLAIMS

1. A compound of formula (I):



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wherein

Ar¹ is a moiety containing at least one aromatic ring and possesses 5-, 6-, 9- or 10-ring atoms optionally containing 1, 2 or 3 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S, which ring is optionally substituted at any substitutable position by groups Q¹ and Q²;

Q¹ is halogen, hydroxy, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, aryl, heteroaryl, CONR^cR^d, C_mH_{2m}NR^cR^d, -O-(CH₂)₂₋₄R^cR^d, -O-C_mH_{2m}CONR^cR^d, -O-C_mH_{2m} aryl, -O-C_mH_{2m} heteroaryl, -O-CR^eR^f;

15 R^c and R^d are each independently selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl and C(O)C₁₋₄ alkyl;

or R^c, R^d and the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a heteroaliphatic ring of 4 to 7 ring atoms, where said ring is optionally substituted by halogen, hydroxy, C₁₋₄ alkyl or C₁₋₄ alkoxy;

20 m is 0, 1, 2 or 3

R^e and R^f are each independently selected from hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkoxy;

or R^e and R^f are linked by a heteroatom selected from N, O and S to form a heteroaliphatic ring of 4 to 7 ring atoms, where said ring is optionally substituted by halogen, hydroxy, C₁₋₄ alkyl or C₁₋₄ alkoxy;

25 and wherein said C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy and aryl groups are optionally substituted by halogen or hydroxy;

Q² is halogen, hydroxy, C₁₋₄ alkyl or C₁₋₄ alkoxy, where said C₁₋₄ alkyl and C₁₋₄ alkoxy groups are optionally substituted by halogen or hydroxyl;

or Q¹ and Q² may be linked by a bond or a heteroatom selected from N, O and S to form a ring of 4 to 7 atoms, where said ring is optionally substituted by halogen, hydroxy, C₁₋₄ alkyl or C₁₋₄ alkoxy;

A¹ is C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₂₋₆ alkenyl, where said C₁₋₆ alkyl and C₂₋₆ alkenyl groups are optionally substituted by C₁₋₄ alkoxy or up to 5 fluorine atoms, or a non-aromatic ring of 3 to 8 ring atoms where said ring may contain a double bond and/or may contain a O, S, SO, SO₂ or NH moiety and where said ring is optionally substituted by one or two alkyl groups of up to 2 carbon atoms or by 1 to 8 fluorine atoms, or a non-aromatic bicyclic moiety of 4 to 8 ring atoms which ring may be optionally substituted by fluorine or hydroxy;

X¹ is N or CR^a;

X² is N or CR³;

X³ is N or CR⁴;

X⁴ is N or CR^b;

with the proviso that X² and X³ are not both N;

R^a and R^b are each independently selected from hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₂₋₄ alkenyl or C₁₋₄ alkoxy, where said C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₂₋₄ alkenyl and C₁₋₄ alkoxy groups are optionally substituted by hydroxy or fluorine;

one of R³ or R⁴ is hydrogen, halogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, CN, CO₂H, CO₂C₁₋₄ alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl or C(O)NR⁹R¹⁰, where said C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, aryl and heteroaryl groups are optionally substituted by hydroxy or fluorine;

R⁹ is hydrogen or C₁₋₄ alkyl;

R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₂₋₄ alkenyl or (CH₂)₀₋₃R¹² or SO₂R¹¹;

R¹² is NR^bRⁱ, OR^h, aryl, heteroaryl, indolyl or Het;

R^h and Rⁱ are each independently selected from hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl;

Het is a heteroaliphatic ring of 4 to 7 ring atoms, which ring may contain 1, 2 or 3 heteroatoms selected from N, O or S or a group S(O), S(O)₂, NH or NC₁₋₄ alkyl;

R¹¹ is C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₂₋₄ alkenyl or (CH₂)₀₋₃R¹³;

R¹³ is aryl, heteroaryl, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₃₋₈ heteroalkyl, Het or NR^mRⁿ, wherein Het is as hereinbefore defined, R^m and Rⁿ are each independently selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl and CO₂(CH₂)₀₋₃aryl, and wherein R¹³ is optionally substituted by halogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl or NR^oR^p, wherein R^o and R^p are each independently selected from hydrogen and C₁₋₄ alkyl;

and where R^{10} is optionally substituted by hydroxy, fluorine, chlorine, C_{1-4} alkyl, $=O$, CO_2H or CO_2C_{1-4} alkyl;

or R^9 , R^{10} and the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a heteroaliphatic ring of 4 to 7 ring atoms, where said ring is optionally substituted by
5 halogen, hydroxy, $=O$, C_{1-4} alkyl or C_{1-4} alkoxy;

the other of R^3 and R^4 is hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{2-4} alkenyl or C_{1-4} alkoxy, where said C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{2-4} alkenyl and C_{1-4} alkoxy groups are optionally substituted by hydroxy or fluorine;

n is 1, 2, 3 or 4;

10 R^1 and R^2 are each independently selected from hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{1-6} alkynyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, C_{1-4} alkyl, $(CH_2)_{0-3}R^{14}$;

R^{14} is aryl, heteroaryl, NR^qR^r , Het, where Het is as hereinbefore defined;

R^q and R^r are each independently selected from hydrogen and C_{1-4} alkyl;

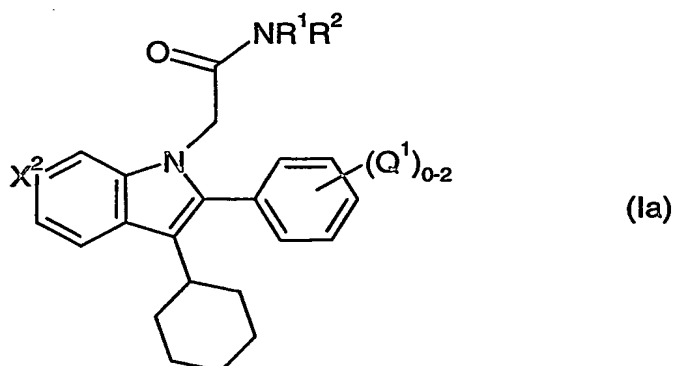
or R^q , R^r and the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a
15 heteroaliphatic ring of 4 to 7 ring atoms;
and R^1 and R^2 are optionally substituted by hydroxy, C_{1-4} alkyl, $=O$, $C(O)C_{1-4}$ alkyl or C_{3-8} cycloalkyl;

or R^1 , R^2 and the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a heteroaliphatic ring of 4 to 7 ring atoms, which ring optionally contains 1, 2 or 3
20 additional heteroatoms selected from O and S or a group $S(O)$, $S(O)_2$, NH or NR^s , where R^s is C_{1-4} alkyl or heteroaryl, or said heteroaliphatic ring is fused to or substituted by a spiro-fused five- or six-membered nitrogen-containing heteroaliphatic ring, which heteroaliphatic ring is optionally substituted by hydroxy, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, $(CH_2)_{0-3}NR^tR^u$, aryl, heteroaryl, or a $-CH_2-$ or $-CH_2CH_2-$ alkylene bridge,
25 where aryl and heteroaryl are optionally substituted by hydroxy, C_{1-4} alkyl or C_{1-4} alkoxy;

R^t and R^u are each independently selected from hydrogen, C_{1-4} alkyl and $C(O)C_{1-4}$ alkyl,

or R^t , R^u and the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a
30 heteroaliphatic ring of 4 to 7 ring atoms optionally substituted by C_{1-4} alkyl;
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. A compound of formula (Ia):



wherein Q^1 , X^2 , R^1 and R^2 are as defined in claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable
 5 salt thereof.

3. A compound as claimed in claim 1 selected from:

- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(4-methylphenyl)-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 10 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(2-fluorophenyl)-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(3-methylphenyl)-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(2-hydroxypyrimidin-5-yl)-1*H*-
- 15 indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(3-furyl)-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-{6-carboxy-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1*H*-indol-2-yl}pyridinium trifluoroacetate,
- 20 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(methylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-[[1-methylpyrrolidin-3-yl)methyl]amino]-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-
- 25 1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid hydrochloride,

- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{[1-(5-methyl-4*H*-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)ethyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate,
- 5 3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{methyl[(1-methylpiperidin-3-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{[(1-methylpiperidin-3-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{methyl[(1-methylpiperidin-2-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate,
- 10 3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{methyl[(5-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate,
- 15 3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{[2-(1-methylpyrrolidin-3-yl)ethyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid trifluoroacetate,
- 2-[3-cyclohexyl-2-phenyl-6-(1*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)-1*H*-indol-1-yl]-*N,N*-dimethylacetamide,
- 3-cyclohexyl-*N*-methyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,
- 20 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]pyridine-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid,
- 25 3-cyclohexyl-2-{3-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]phenyl}-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)prop-2-en-1-yl]-2-(2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-7-yl)-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 2-[3-cyclohexyl-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-1-yl]-*N,N*-dimethylacetamide,
- 30 *N,N*-dimethylacetamide,
- 3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-(3-furyl)-1*H*-indol-6-yl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4*H*)-one,

- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-(ethylsulfonyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,
N-(benzylsulfonyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,
- 5 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
3-cyclohexyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
1-[[5-carboxy-3-cyclohexyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-indol-1-yl]acetyl]-N,N-
- 10 dimethylpiperidin-4-aminium trifluoroacetate,
1-[[5-carboxy-3-cyclohexyl-2-(3-furyl)-1H-indol-1-yl]acetyl]-N,N-dimethylpiperidin-4-aminium trifluoroacetate,
(4-[[6-carboxy-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1H-indol-1-yl]acetyl]morpholin-2-yl)-N,N-dimethylmethanaminium trifluoroacetate,
- 15 1-{2-[benzyl(methyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-3-cyclohexyl-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
1-(2-amino-2-oxoethyl)-3-cyclohexyl-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(7-methyl-2,7-diazaspiro[4.4]non-2-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 20 1-[2-(benzylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-3-cyclohexyl-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-[(3R,4R)-4-hydroxy-1,1-dioxidotetrahydro-3-thienyl]amino)-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-oxo-2-(3-pyridin-3-ylpyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 25 3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{methyl[1-(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)ethyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(4-methyl-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(6-methoxypyridin-2-yl)piperazin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-phenyl-
- 30 1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-pyridin-4-yl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,

- 3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{3-[(dimethylamino)methyl]piperidin-1-yl}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{2-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]piperidin-1-yl}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 5 (1-pyridin-4-ylethyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-oxo-2-{[(1-piperidin-1-yl)cyclopentyl)methyl]amino}ethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-oxo-2-(2-pyridin-4-ylpyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 10 3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[(1S,4S)-5-methyl-2,5-diazabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(hexahydropyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazin-2(1H)-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{[2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)ethyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 15 1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[(cyclopropylmethyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-oxo-2-(prop-2-yn-1-ylamino)ethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 20 3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[(2-morpholin-4-ylethyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[methyl(1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{[2-(diisopropylamino)ethyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 25 1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(3-fluoro-4-hydroxyphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 30 2-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,

- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(3-fluorophenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 5 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(3-thienyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 2-[4-(aminocarbonyl)phenyl]-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 2-[3-(acetyl amino)phenyl]-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 10 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-[3-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)phenyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 15 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(2-methylphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-2-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-2-(3,4-difluorophenyl)-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 20 3-cyclohexyl-2-(2,4-difluorophenyl)-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 25 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 30 2-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,

- 3-cyclohexyl-2-(3-fluorophenyl)-1-(2-{methyl[(1-methylpiperidin-3-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{3-[(dimethylamino)methyl]piperidin-1-yl}-2-oxoethyl)-2-(3-fluorophenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 5 3-cyclopentyl-1-{2-[methyl(phenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
3-cyclopentyl-1-[2-oxo-2-(4-pyrrolidin-1-yl)piperidin-1-yl]ethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-oxo-2-(4-pyrrolidin-1-yl)piperidin-1-yl]ethyl]-2-pyridin-4-yl-1H-
- 10 indole-6-carboxylic acid,
1-(2-{[(1-acetylpiperidin-2-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-3-cyclohexyl-2-pyridin-4-yl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[3-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 15 3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxethyl](methyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(hexahydropyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazin-2(1H)-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-pyridin-3-yl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
3-cyclopentyl-1-(2-{methyl[(1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-
- 20 phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
3-cyclopentyl-1-(2-{[(1-ethyl-5-oxopyrrolidin-3-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
3-cyclohexyl-2-{4-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethoxy]phenyl}-1-{2-[methyl(pyrazin-2-ylmethyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 25 2-(4-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{[(1,1-dioxidotetrahydro-3-thienyl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-(3-fluorophenyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
2-biphenyl-3-yl-3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-
- 30 1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
2-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-indole-6-carboxylic acid,

- 3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-(5-fluoro-2-methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-(3-thienyl)-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 5 2-[4-(benzyloxy)phenyl]-3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-(4-isopropoxyphenyl)-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-[3-(piperidin-1-ylcarbonyl)phenyl]-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 10 3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-(3-methylphenyl)-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(methylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{methyl[(1-methylpiperidin-3-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylic acid,
- 15 3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl](methyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylic acid,
- 1-[2-(2-{[acetyl(methyl)amino]methyl}morpholin-4-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-3-cyclohexyl-2-(3-fluorophenyl)-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 20 3-cyclopentyl-1-[2-(1,1-dioxidothiomorpholin-4-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclopentyl-1-[2-oxo-2-(4-pyrrolidin-1-ylpiperidin-1-yl)ethyl]-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclopentyl-1-{2-[(cyclopropylmethyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylic acid,
- 25 3-cyclopentyl-1-(2-{[(1-ethyl-5-oxopyrrolidin-3-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-5-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-pyrimidin-5-yl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 30 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(4-isopropylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,

- 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-oxo-2-(3-pyrrolidin-1-ylpiperidin-1-yl)ethyl]-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-oxo-2-piperazin-1-ylethyl)-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 5 3-cyclohexyl-2-(3-furyl)-1-[2-oxo-2-(4-pyrrolidin-1-ylpiperidin-1-yl)ethyl]-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{2-[(dimethylamino)methyl]morpholin-4-yl}-2-oxoethyl)-2-(3-furyl)-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 1- [2-(4-azetidin-1-ylpiperidin-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-3-cyclohexyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-10 1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-[2-oxo-2-(4-pyrrolidin-1-ylpiperidin-1-yl)ethyl]-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(diethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 15 3-cyclohexyl-2-{3-[(dimethylamino)methyl]phenyl}-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-{3-[(1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)oxy]phenyl}-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[3,2-*b*]pyridine-20 6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(1-naphthyl)-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(2-naphthyl)-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 25 3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-1*H*,1'*H*-2,5'-bisindole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(8-methylquinolin-4-yl)-1*H*-indole-6-carboxylic acid,
- 3-cyclohexyl-*N*-methyl-1-[2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1*H*-30 indole-6-carboxamide,
- 3-cyclohexyl-*N*-[(4-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)methyl]-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,

- 3-cyclohexyl-*N,N*-dimethyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,
- 3-cyclohexyl-*N*-isopropyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,
- 5 *N*-allyl-3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,
- 3-cyclohexyl-*N*-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,
- 3-cyclohexyl-*N*-[(1-methylpiperidin-3-yl)methyl]-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,
- 10 3-cyclohexyl-*N*-[(1-methylpyrrolidin-3-yl)methyl]-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,
- 3-cyclohexyl-6-[(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)carbonyl]-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole,
- 15 3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-*N*-(tetrahydrofuran-3-yl)-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,
- 3-cyclohexyl-*N*-(1,1-dioxidotetrahydro-3-thienyl)-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,
- 3-cyclohexyl-*N*-(2-furylmethyl)-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,
- 20 3-cyclohexyl-*N*-[(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)methyl]-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,
- 3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-*N*,2-diphenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,
- 25 *N*-benzyl-3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,
- 4-{[3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-6-yl]carbonyl}piperazin-2-one,
- 3-cyclohexyl-*N*-(2-methoxyethyl)-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,
- 30 3-cyclohexyl-*N*-(2-morpholin-4-ylethyl)-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,

- 3-cyclohexyl-*N*-[2-(1-methylpyrrolidin-3-yl)ethyl]-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,
N-{[3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-6-yl]carbonyl}-5-hydroxy-*L*-tryptophan,
- 5 3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-*N*-[2-(1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl)ethyl]-1*H*-indole-6-carboxamide,
 3-{3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-6-yl}-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4*H*)-one,
 2-[3-cyclohexyl-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-1-yl]-
- 10 *N*-methyl-*N*-[(1-methylpiperidin-3-yl)methyl]acetamide,
 2-[3-cyclohexyl-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-1-yl]-*N,N*-dimethylacetamide,
 3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-6-yl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4*H*)-one,
- 15 2-[3-cyclohexyl-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-indol-1-yl]-*N*-[(1-methylpyrrolidin-3-yl)methyl]acetamide,
 3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-(2-methylphenyl)-1*H*-indol-6-yl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4*H*)-one,
 3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-(2-
- 20 fluorophenyl)-1*H*-indol-6-yl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4*H*)-one,
 2-[3-cyclohexyl-2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-1*H*-indol-1-yl]-*N,N*-dimethylacetamide,
 3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1*H*-indol-6-yl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4*H*)-one,
- 25 2-{3-cyclohexyl-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-2-[3-(piperidin-1-ylmethyl)phenyl]-1*H*-indol-1-yl}-*N,N*-dimethylacetamide,
 3-{3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{3-[(dimethylamino)methyl]piperidin-1-yl}-2-oxoethyl)-2-[3-(piperidin-1-ylmethyl)phenyl]-1*H*-indol-6-yl}-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4*H*)-one,
 3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-
- 30 oxadiazol-3-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl]-*N,N*-dimethylbenzamide,
 2-[3-cyclohexyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-1*H*-indol-1-yl]-*N,N*-dimethylacetamide,

- 2-[2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-1H-indol-1-yl]-N,N-dimethylacetamide,
- 3-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-1H-indol-6-yl)-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one,
- 5 3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{2-[(dimethylamino)methyl]morpholin-4-yl}-2-oxoethyl)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1H-indol-6-yl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one,
- 2-[3-cyclohexyl-2-(3-furyl)-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-1H-indol-1-yl]-N,N-dimethylacetamide,
- 3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{2-[(dimethylamino)methyl]morpholin-4-yl}-2-oxoethyl)-2-(3-furyl)-1H-indol-6-yl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one,
- 10 3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-(3-furyl)-1H-indol-6-yl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one,
- 3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{2-[(dimethylamino)methyl]morpholin-4-yl}-2-oxoethyl)-2-(5-methyl-2-furyl)-1H-indol-6-yl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one,
- 15 3-{3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-[5-(piperidin-1-ylmethyl)-2-furyl]-1H-indol-6-yl}-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one,
- 2-[3-cyclohexyl-2-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-1H-indol-1-yl]-N,N-dimethylacetamide,
- 2-[3-cyclohexyl-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-2-pyridin-3-yl]-1H-indol-1-yl]-N,N-dimethylacetamide,
- 20 3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{3-[(dimethylamino)methyl]piperidin-1-yl}-2-oxoethyl)-2-pyridin-3-yl]-1H-indol-6-yl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one,
- 2-[3-cyclohexyl-2-(6-methoxypyridin-3-yl)-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-1H-indol-1-yl]-N,N-dimethylacetamide,
- 25 3-[3-cyclohexyl-1-{2-[4-(dimethylamino)piperidin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}-2-(6-methoxypyridin-3-yl)-1H-indol-6-yl]-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5(4H)-one,
- 2-[3-cyclohexyl-2-(2-methoxypyridin-4-yl)-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-1H-indol-1-yl]-N,N-dimethylacetamide,
- 2-[3-cyclohexyl-2-{2-[2-(dimethylamino)ethoxy]pyridin-4-yl}-6-(5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-1H-indol-1-yl]-N,N-dimethylacetamide,
- 30 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-(methylsulfonyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,

- 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-(ethylsulfonyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-(ethylsulfonyl)-2-(3-furyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,
- 5 3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-(ethylsulfonyl)-2-(6-methoxypyridin-3-yl)-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,
3-cyclohexyl-N-(ethylsulfonyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-(2-morpholin-4-yl-2-oxoethyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-(isopropylsulfonyl)-2-phenyl-1H-
- 10 indole-6-carboxamide,
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-N-(propylsulfonyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-N-[(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)sulfonyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,
- 15 benzyl (2-[[[3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indol-6-yl]carbonyl]amino]sulfonyl)ethyl)carbamate,
N-[(2-aminoethyl)sulfonyl]-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,
3-cyclohexyl-N-{[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]sulfonyl}-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-
- 20 oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-N-[(2-phenylethyl)sulfonyl]-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,
N-(benzylsulfonyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,
- 25 N-(benzylsulfonyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-(2-{methyl[(1-methylpiperidin-3-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide, ,
N-(benzylsulfonyl)-3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-(3-furyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-N-(phenylsulfonyl)-1H-
- 30 indole-6-carboxamide,
3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-N-[(4-methoxyphenyl)sulfonyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,

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3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-N-(pyridin-3-ylsulfonyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,

3-cyclohexyl-1-[2-(dimethylamino)-2-oxoethyl]-2-phenyl-N-(3-thienylsulfonyl)-1H-indole-6-carboxamide,

5 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

4. A compound as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for use in therapy.

10 5. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

15 6. A method for the treatment or prevention of illness due to hepatitis C virus, which method comprises administration to a subject suffering from the condition a compound as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

20 7. Use of a compound as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prevention of infection by hepatitis C virus.

8. A process for the preparation of a compound as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3.